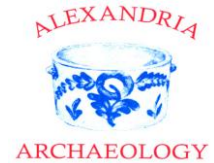




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Abstract: In 2009, Sgt. Young was interviewed at Fort Ward Park. During the interview he shared memories of purchasing his home and moving to the neighborhood in the 1940s. He describes what his home and yard looked like, the gravestones on his property, as well as the neighbors in the vicinity.

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Introductions and Moving to Fort Ward	
Pam Cressey	This is Pam Cressey speaking, March 7, 2009. An interview with Mr. Srgt. Young at Fort Ward Park. [Indistinct conversation].
Stephen Shephard	Clara Murray/Marie (?) Clayborn [Indistinct conversation] So is that Clara?
Judy	No, that's not Clara.
S.S.	It's not Clara Adams, that's a different person.
Unknown female speaker	No, it's a Clayborn.
P.C.	So this is the actual deed? Ok so what's that say there?
S.S.	Clara Murray/Marie (?) Clayborn...and John Lorenzo Clayborn, her husband. Burke and Herbert. Who is it going to?
P.C.	What's the date?
S.S.	Oh it's right over here.
Unknown female speaker	1947, I think.
S.S.	Identical Bond Trustee. But didn't say 2 parties. So it's a deed of the land saying that it's... [Silently] it's sort of hard to understand what that is. This is a payment... [indistinct conversation in the background]
P.C.	Well, when you were...when you first saw this church, how old were you? Were you there as a child?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I was still in service and I retired in '60...'40...I retired in '61.
P.C.	You retired in '61.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right.
P.C.	But you bought the property before that.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I bought the property before that, uh huh.
P.C.	In what...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I think that they got the deed there
P.C.	1947? Does that sound about right?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unintelligible]...when did I buy the land? You got the deed there.
Unknown female speaker	You bought it 1947.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	'47, Amen! Yeah, I bought it in '47.
P.C.	And, was that when you first saw it or...?

Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, we was livin' on base...
P.C.	You remember it?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	...I was living on base and I saved up some money I saved money about 20 years and had a couple of thousand dollars. Amen! That was rich! Amen!
P.C.	That was rich.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Said to Paula I need some money. Amen. And I said "my, I need that house. I wanna get off base."
P.C.	And why did you think of that particular house or church?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well, ah, Paula had showed it to me. We'd been in town shopping, my wife had been in town shopping...wasn't nothin' there but close houses. We was country people.
P.C.	Mhm.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	We picked cotton and shucked corn, I know...
P.C.	Did you?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	So we wanted to get out here in the woods, so...
S.S.	Pam, should we start filming? And if so probably you should introduce people first. I don't know how you want to do it...
P.C.	Yeah.
S.S.	Should I do that?
P.C.	Yeah.
S.S.	Do you want to introduce who the people are?
P.C.	Um, okay.
S.S.	I can just tell you...okay.
P.C.	Everybody can introduce themselves maybe [indistinct dialogue]. [Tape stops and starts again] This is March 9, uh, it's no, it's March 7, really. I'm 2 days ahead of time, 2009, and we're at Fort Ward Park and we're right near the Oakland Baptist Cemetery in what is now called City Property the Maintenance Yard with Mr. Sgt. Young.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen!
P.C.	Amen. Standing here and his family members, and we're talking about when you first saw this property, uh, which was about 1947.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	About 1947...
P.C.	And you were looking for a country home.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah... [Unintelligible] we could get to the country from Belvoir. Mhm.
P.C.	You were coming from Belvoir?

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, I was moving from Belvoir.
P.C.	It's where you were stationed?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It's where we was stationed.
P.C.	Yes, and...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And lived in Young's village.
P.C.	Young's village in Belvoir
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	At Belvoir.
P.C.	And so you drove around...And so you didn't really know anybody who lived here before this.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Didn't know a soul.
P.C.	Right. And it was just a vacant building?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, it was vacant. [Correcting himself], No, the Clayborns there. They'd redone it from a church to a house...uh. He lived there for a while, and he and his wife moved out, uh huh.
P.C.	So it was already a house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was a house when I bought it.
P.C.	Mhm.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh huh. He owned a barber shop now which I know...on uh...Fairfax street.
P.C.	Oh, Do you remember his name?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, Clayborn.
P.C.	Oh, the Clayborns. We saw that name on the deed and you actually still have the deed to the property!
Srgt. Lee Thomas	Yeah I still got the deed. Amen!
Description of the House	
P.C.	Exciting! And tell me what did you...how did the house look? Do you remember?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was beautiful to me! Amen! It was an old fashioned.
P.C.	Old Fashion. Did it have a front porch?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Had a front porch. A long one.
P.C.	Did you have chairs on it?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Had chairs on it. Amen. Benches...[laughs]

P.C.	Benches? So you could sit outside and watch the...watch the cars?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well, I had the benches before the chairs, because we wasn't even able to buy the chairs at that time. Amen!
P.C.	And so, when you walked into the house...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh my goodness!
P.C.	It...was there a front parlor?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Youngoh the beautiful...
P.C.	It was a beautiful home
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	High ceiling, old fashioned ceiling, hardwood floor...
P.C.	Ooh!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...and running water! You know, from the well, uh huh. And a septic, a septic...
P.C.	And your own septic. So you felt right at home!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I felt at home! Bathtub and everything. Only house up here that had a bathtub I believe.
P.C.	That was very...your wife must have been very happy!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh she was...she was happy for a while, Amen. But it was lonely up here.
P.C.	No one else here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas	Well, it was here, but it was...this Braddock Road was just a lane almost and wasn't paved or nothing...you had to get in a ditch to let a car by almost. Uh huh.
P.C.	Were there other houses up here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh yeah, there was people up here in these woods...
P.C.	Yeah.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Adrienne (?), your grandmother lived...right over...had a nice orchard right there...
P.C.	So, Adrienne's grandmother live right over here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas	Yeah, her grandmother, uh huh.
P.C.	Adrienne, who was that?
Adrienne	Uh, my grandmother was Jesse Randall.
P.C.	Jesse Randall?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Mhm.
P.C.	This is Miss Randall?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Hell of a good neighbor.
P.C.	And she had orchids?

Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Had a orchard...
P.C.	Orchard!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Had...had a pear tree and apple tree...
P.C.	Do you remember, Adrienne, visiting?
Adrienne	I remember coming up here a lot, but...she was dead by the time I...I would have been...
P.C.	Had a memory?
Adrienne	Had a memory, yeah, yeah...so, yeah but I know a lot about what happened and then I came up here because Clara Adams, the McKnights, we came up here for them and Belkes.
P.C.	Those homes?
Adrienne	Yeah, and I met Judy and them, you know 'cause we were kids and then my uncle Billy had a house up here, I think, was closer up to the road there.
P.C.	The closer one?
Adrienne	But my family keeps telling me about the old house, down by the branch or creek or something ...
P.C.	Farther back from the road?
Adrienne	Yeah, right.
P.C.	So that might have been your grandmother's...?
Adrienne	Yeah, it was behind the cemetery...
P.C.	Behind the cemetery
Judy	That's the kitchen right there. There's the, um...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's the wash house. The wash house. And they got something...and that's the porch I was telling her about.
P.C.	There's that porch you were talking about. That's exciting!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unclear]...it <i>is</i> exciting! But the chimney and the fireplace and the patio's out here, Amen! Well, how about this!
Judy	[Simultaneously] That's it, oh my God!
P.C.	Do you remember it at all?
Sgt. Lee Thomas	I certainly do...but, uh, Amen.
Judy	Yes, I played in that house...
Unknown Male Speaker	You've got a real point...this goes up to like a tripod.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's the wash house. That's like a steeple there in the ch – [laughs]
P.C.	Where was the kitchen located?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	This was the kitchen...this was the...
P.C.	This little addition?

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	What...no! This was the Amen corner, you know in the old churches, the Amen corner? The ladies sat on one side and the men sat on the other. You remember your parents talking about that?
P.C.	Yes! So you put your kitchen in the "Amen"?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The kitchen was in the Amen corner. Amen! [laugh]
P.C.	No wonder you say 'Amen' all the time!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well, uh, Amen! [laughter] That's part of my language.
P.C.	It is, it is.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Now the ladies had a Amen corner too, but theirs was on the right hand side of the pulpit. The pulpit right in the center...
P.C.	Yes.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That was my bedroom...we slept on the pulpit!
P.C.	No wonder...no wonder you're so close to God!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[laughing] Amen!
P.C.	That's very exciting that there's still a picture of the house...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It is!
P.C.	And so, then when you out the back, was there a separate back door, or did you just use one door going in and out?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	We had, uh, the out was...one out was through the kitchen, and then, uh, a right turn and back on the porch, and then the other one from the main living room...we called it. Uh huh.
P.C.	Mhm. And so when you went out, the well was...in what relationship to the house? Can we have the picture of the house again?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The well was on...she had a picture of the steeple, and the well was just the other side of there...'cause that was the wash house and the well...Right about...
P.C.	Oh yeah, thank you, thank you...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah the well, oh yeah, that's the kitchen though the well, the well was right back here.
P.C.	Right behind the kitchen...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Behind the kitchen, kinda over that way ...that's kinda back, back there and this is the front, but you can see the steeple. And the well...the well was just back of the steeple and then we had a pump in there...get water into the house, you know?
P.C.	Yeah...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was modern, real modern...had a good well and....
P.C.	Now, and this was your driveway? The road?

Sgt. Lee Thomas	This is, yes, this is the driveway. You could drive right up. This was a grapevine right in there...
P.C.	Grapevine?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	A grapevine...had a grapevine there. Uh huh.
S.S.	And what was the sandy area back there?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh, I'm looking back there, I don't know what that is...that's just something [unclear] I guess...
S.S.	Is there part of the back roof of a porch, is that a porch back here...see that other roof sticking up?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, I see something there, but I can't figure that out because...let's see...
S.S.	It's not a separate building is it?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, it's not a separate building. No buildings was up here. I can see a little of that chimney there.
Gravestones in Young's Property	
P.C.	Well, where was Clara Adams' grave? Did you see the gravestone behind your house?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Her grave, was right back, uh, right back, uh...wait a minute. This is the kitchen. Right back of the kitchen I had some cabins back here, yeah, I had...this is a yard old back in here, you know? And I had some cabins, five cabins on that place.
S.S.	Five cabins.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	And one cabin was right back of the pump house, right back in there. And that's where Aunt Clara and, uh, Mr. Adams was buried at. There's a couple of stones back there...
P.C.	Yeah, so you could see them at the time?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I haven't seen 'em since I moved so...
P.C.	Yeah, but when you live there, you could see the two stones.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	When I lived, oh yeah, the kids played all around, uh huh. Her husband, Mr. Adams, he wasn't dead. My wife, took combed her hair, took care of her hair, who worked 'till she got died.
S.S.	And where there only two stones there? Or do you remember if there were other tombstones too?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	There wasn't but one stone back up there, back at my cabin there, and that was Mr. Adams.
P.C.	Because Miss Adams was still living?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, no. Mrs. Adams was still living...
P.C.	Mrs. Adams was still living, mhm.

Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh huh, good old lady. Taught me a lot.
P.C.	Do you remember them when she passed away and was buried there?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I was in France and had to bear it 'cause they had to call see, 'cause I had to give them permission to...bury her there...
P.C.	To bury on your property.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Side of her husband, Amen...
P.C.	Oh, that's fascinating.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Mhm, yeah.
P.C.	So you came back and had a larger cemetery.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Come back, the cemet-...two to the...two people in that cemetery. I had a Mr. Adams and Mrs. Adams
P.C.	And you never heard of anyone else buried there?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I hadn't hear of no one else buried there...
P.C.	Mhm...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	There was a very...there was people buried around, but not in that cemetery...
P.C.	Oh, where else were they buried?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	All over the yard. There you can find some graves anywhere.
P.C.	In your yard?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, there was one...one or two in my yard, and then the rest of them in the back of the yard
P.C.	So you had two in the front yard?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I had a couple of graves in the front yard. I don't know who they were but [laughs]...
P.C.	Were they gravestones? So you could....
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was...they didn't have nothing on 'em, 'cause I moved one...
P.C.	Oh ho!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, had a flower bed there.
S.S.	They looked like they were old, probably? And just [inaudible]...?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh, they was old and worn out, half broken and everything...
S.S.	Wow...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Look, there's graves all over here!

P.C.	And so....there were many graves behind your house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh, there's plenty of graves here, 18 and 17...and all that kind of carryin' on...on a ...little short graves. Uh huh.
P.C.	Short graves with old dates.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They looked something like that, in the ground? Half of 'em covered up, or laid down, all kinds of ways...
S.S.	Yeah, so they were old ones...
P.C.	Do you remember these over here? Were there a lot more than you see today? Gravestones?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, the graves was back in there. We used to cut through them. That's a [unintelligible] right over there, uh huh. We'd cut right through the woods here and go into the cemetery and uh...
P.C.	Going to Oakland Baptist?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Going to Oakland Baptist cemetery. Amen. It was all woods then, you know, but you could stumble all over the graves. Amen.
P.C.	There were so many of them?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh, it was quite a few.
P.C.	Quite a few.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	You had to watch out, 'cause you'd stumble over them if it was dark...
P.C.	And it was wooded?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was all woods, all this was woods. This lane was through here...not good as this, though. Just a path...
P.C.	This lane...this lane that now leads to the maintenance yard was there back in your day?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh yeah uh huh, because...the on'st way they could get to the cemetery was through a lane here, and that looked like the same old lane. That was a lane coming in there, and then they had a path to go to the cemetery...cemetery'... [Unintelligible dialogue]...well we'd give them permission to come through the yard 'cause they could cut off through there, could go right through the woods...

The Neighborhood and Neighbors

P.C.	That's good. Now, you had another neighbor up here closer to the road didn't you?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yes we did.
P.C.	Two houses closer to the road?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Two houses...

P.C.	Who, who lived there?
Srgt.	Uh, I'm so old...I'm so young, I done forgot their name there...Amen, let's see...Miss, uh... [Inaudible background talk]. Seem like it was the Randall [inaudible background talk]...
P.C.	The McKnights...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They lived in front of us. There's two other houses he's talking about. There's two houses in front; Miss Addy McKnight and uh, but we had two more houses...let me see.
P.C.	This is your house...[inaudible]
Unknown female speaker	Is this the Randall house then?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Let me take a look here...my goodness. That was my house back there [silent talk].
Judy	This is...this looks like the house that Billy and them lived in...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Wait a minute, Judy...
Judy	...the Randall house, yeah...oh, and Billy Mackner (?) 'cause I remember little fence around. But Miss...Miss Addy's and them house was over here...
Unknown male speaker	To the right?
Judy	Yeah...
Unknown male speaker	See there here's an oak [unintelligible background talk] I think you're here...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's my house.
Unknown male speaker	That's your house, so there was somebody up here, had a real nice house?
Judy	That's Miss Addy's house
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	McKnights...
Judy	McKnight, yeah. Think that's the McKnight's...
Unknown male speaker	And then there's something here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's Charlie Casey's house...or Maydel and Aliya (?)
Judy	This isn't just the same place?
Unknown male speaker	Yes.
Judy	And then this was where Miss Maydel and them lived.
Unknown male speaker	In this area here?
Judy	Right.

P.C.	And what was her name?
Unknown male speaker	You said Maydel?
Judy	Maydel Belke ... she's a Casey. Maydel Casey Belke...she...they lived...this was the Casey house. They said was...Charlie Casey...was up [overlapping speech].
Unknown male speaker	Yeah, Charles Casey.
Judy	Is that right Mr. Young
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I guess so, honey. You know, Amen...
Judy	But again I don't know...um...uh...Mr. Cravensen (?), his house was up here somewhere, up close to the road, and it had a porch on it too. So I don't know what house, baby. It doesn't... [unintelligible conversation and noise, tape stops and restarts] ...I think Billy and them lived in [overlapping conversation and noise]...there's the house down in here... [Overlapping conversation]...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	What's his name?
Judy	Isn't that a house?
P.C.	Yeah, there's something...there sure is something...
Judy	I think that's where, because if you look behind his house, and you come that way, they said her house, my Grandma's house, was behind that...cemetery...
Fran Bromberg	So, out behind...so maybe...
Judy	Behind the cemetery, uh...
P.C.	This picture...[background noise and overlapping conversation]
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...she's a musician, she played music for St. John's church. She's real good... [Overlapping conversation]...
Unknown female speaker	...the colonel...talkin' (?) about the colonel?
Unknown female speaker	[overlapping] Yeah!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, it Aliya (?) way up there
Unknown female speaker	Yeah, Aliya's up there.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Unknown male speaker	I'm talkin' 'bout, talkin' 'bout, uh... Now this is the one that should've been up by the museum, that's enlargement of that one...that...that should've been up toward...toward like the front of the museum is.
P.C.	And that was the Ashby house?

Unknown male speaker	Yeah, does it look like that one now? That...that...could be, it's got some changes on it...if that's the Ashby house [noise and unintelligible dialogue].
Adrienne (?)	Do you know what year this picture was taken?
Unknown male speaker	'65, 'round '64...1964.
Adrienne	Ok, 1964, my...my, uh...grandmother's original house I think had burned down... [unintelligible overlapping dialogue] and then they moved...then they moved up closer to the...[unintelligible overlapping dialogue]
Unknown male speaker	...see that's what we're...we're getting different houses... [Unintelligible overlapping dialogue].
P.C.	One house had a big garden behind it.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Big garden behind it? Well that was right here.
P.C.	Yeah, who lived...?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Who was living there?
Judy	...I remember her name was Miss Vivian, that's all I remember.
P.C.	Then suddenly you have to bring out of your...mind of a child.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unintelligible]...the garden was right side of my garden...my garden was right [unclear]...
P.C.	So your garden was...in the front?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Right in there... [Unintelligible]...clean spot.
P.C.	The clean spot down by the road.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Right there by the road...
P.C.	Well, there was a house and then behind that there was a, a big garden that came back towards you.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Big garden, that was my, I mean, uh... [Unintelligible].
Unknown male speaker	That makes sense. 'Cause we're...see, I'm seeing different family houses that aren't...that these are more like one stories, some of these older ones are 2 stories. So, that makes sense.
Judy	I think this is the second one that my Uncle Billy lived in, and she moved up here with him when her house was burned down.
P.C.	And what was Uncle Billy's last name?
Unknown female speaker	Randall.
P.C.	Oh, he's a Randall too?
Unknown female speaker	Joseph... [Inaudible].

P.C.	Joseph is the full name?
Unknown female speaker	Don't that look like their house?
Unknown female speaker	Mhm, yeah
Unknown female speaker	They were up close.
Judy	Right, 'cause they were up there.
Unknown female speaker	Mhm.
Judy	And there was a house back here. There was a house back up in here too.
Unknown female speaker	See it?
Judy	Yeah, there it is. And you remember, Daddy...
Unknown female speaker	Don't you remember they rented this house out to a lady who had all these kids? I can't remember her name. My mother, Mom used to get...laugh at her 'cause she used to come up here and pick up... [background noise]...poison ivy and –
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I'm thinking Ms. Belinda/Melinda (?), now, yeah...you remember Belinda?
Unknown female speaker	I can't remember who she was...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Belinda's husband was the one that had the garden right side of me.
S.S.	She used to cook poison ivy?
Judy	She didn't know, she thought it was [unclear name of plant] salad, and my mother used to laugh [all laugh]. I mean, she lived back in this house, but somebody rented it to her, because the house...'cause here we are, and we used to go through the woods and we'd go back there, it was a clearing yeah...
P.C.	So Judy, uh, you would, you played through the woods a lot then?
Judy	Oh, yeah!
P.C.	So you remember all the gravestones that are around here?
Judy	We fell down enough.
P.C.	You fell down into the graves? [Laughs].
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unintelligible]...to keep warm.
Judy	Yeah, this is it, because back here was where we had [loud noise, inaudible]...there was no highway at all back here. And these were the ones...the graves were all back about [loud noise continues, inaudible]...back up in there.
Srgt. Lee Thomas	[Unintelligible]...even before was there a house on that [inaudible]

Young	dialogue]...all this was wood, wasn't nothing back here... [Overlapping inaudible dialogue].
P.C.	Where was the creek?
Judy	Back up here [unintelligible]
Unknown female speaker	Mhm, back up in here.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unintelligible]...that's part of it there, that [unintelligible].
P.C.	Yeah, that's...that's the rest, yeah. So it was really, pretty close to your house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Pretty close, that's right, uh huh.
Area around Sgt. Young's House	
P.C.	Now you built the five cabins. What did you use the cabins for?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The Clayborns build them.
P.C.	Oh, oh they were there before you came?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	There when I came. Uh huh.
P.C.	And how did you use them?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well I rented a couple of them to soldiers, Amen. The rest of them I used for tools, whatever. Amen.
P.C.	A lot of extra space?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Extra space, uh huh. My junk, my junk, Amen [all chuckle].
P.C.	Yay, yay for junk...Now that, the road that you'd come to your house up on, the road from Braddock road, your driveway – did you call it a driveway, or a road or...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was my driveway. Its still, turn-in's still there.
P.C.	It's still there. Now there's some Cedar trees along that, today. There's Cedar trees. Do they go way back?
Srgt. Lee Thomas young	They do, I guess so. Because uh, it's just a lane you can see it from the, from Braddock Road.
P.C.	It is, you can see the lane.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	But that went up to the house, my house.
P.C.	Yes, yeah. Did you ever put any...did you plan trees or did you do any gardening?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No we didn't...we didn't...well my, the garden. Amen. That's a garden right there in that lane is right up there. We call it lane where I

	come to my house. My house is sitting right over here, and the lane is right down there, and the garden down there. I can point it out, but I...
P.C.	Do you want to walk over there?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah if we can get over there. I was gonna cut through there and see because ...
P.C.	Yeah let's, let's walk over there... [Unintelligible overlapping dialogue] do you wanna walk in? [tape stops and starts again]
Unknown female speaker	Judy remembers, said he was on [inaudible]
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	She remember more than I do.
Unknown female speaker	He was on the right side, Judy?
Judy	He was on this side.
P.C.	Mr. Adams was north of, um...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh he was right in here then wasn't he, [quietly] how 'bout that?
P.C.	Yeah, So I take it these bushes were not here?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	They wasn't here, no, all this grewed up.
Unknown female speaker	This is where our shed was.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, the shed was in front, oh beyond this bush over there and in the house...
Unknown female speaker	[unintelligible] I'm sayin' the shed was right in here...because the house...this grave was in back of the shed.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Back, that's right [unintelligible] ...don't know about the distance, uh [overlapping unintelligible dialogue].
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	We had two shed, one here and one over there, and then the well was right about where them sikes (?) is, wasn't it?
Unknown female speaker?	Yeah, and the house was right there.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	The house was over there where they got all the stuff piled. There should be a driveway right out here. Right in here. And the garden was beyond the driveway...
P.C.	Now, your recognize an apple tree?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, I was just looking. Look that's looked like one of my apple trees. [laughter] Amen, praise the Lord.
P.C.	That's exciting.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Let me take a look ...
P.C.	Good!

Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	And the driveway should be close to this apple tree. Let me get over here. Amen. I'm glad to come back up here!
P.C.	I'm glad you can!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen. Ah, don't mind the water and mud...
P.C.	No we're comfortable with that!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unintelligible]...walkin' over on old ground here [pause] That tree there...
P.C.	You remember that tree?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I'm just looking now, I'm looking for my driveway that come in here. Is this a apple tree? [pause and background noise of leaves crunching] Ah...it could be dead, you know it's been so long.
P.C.	Yeah.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was in this area in here.
P.C.	So the house sat right upon this rise? Or back in here?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	No, the house...I'm down here, now the house was right where they's standing there was a house there.
P.C.	Ok, This is the whole house right up in here?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh huh.
P.C.	Ok.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	But down here was the driveway, my garden was over there.
Judy	Hey Dad, you remember that tree right there?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I'm just...I was looking at it.
Judy	'Cause that looks familiar to me.
P.C.	It looks like it should have been here.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was here. Had to be, but that was close to the drive way.
Judy	Yes, that was close to the driveway.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Driveway is right over there. Come back here.
P.C.	Yeah. Well we can see it if we go around the other side. Then we'll know exactly where it came up. So the driveway came up...?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Came up to the, my yard...
P.C.	And so your front porch would be here looking out?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	You're right. That's the front porch right about...somewhere up in here...front porch.
P.C.	Right.

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh huh. How about this? What about...
P.C.	Isn't that amazing?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It is amazing.
P.C.	There's still pieces of your history here.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, uh huh.
P.C.	That's interesting. [tape stops]
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Tape begins] The well should be in here some place. Right in here.
P.C.	'Cause you can remember...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I see the house, the cabins, and the [unintelligible]... the house was kinna long, the house was over fifty feet I think...
P.C.	So the kitchen would be about here then?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The kitchen...the kitchen was right about where they're standing. I think...
P.C.	The kitchen was there so the well was beyond them?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The well was beyond there...
P.C.	So was the well that close to the graves?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was close, but there was a group of cabins. A couple of cabins in there...
P.C.	Mhm.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And so the well should be right in here.
P.C.	Right in here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen.
P.C.	Right.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Right about where she's standing...somewhere there. Judy?! The well should be about here. [Inaudible background dialogue] when we come out the cabins, right...the graves were right back of the cabins. And then, uh, entered the kitchen door somewhere in here, and the well right back in here where they're standing. That seemed like that should be... [inaudible background dialogue] Uh huh. Yeah, the house...this is the house here...And I had a patio right on...the patio was on...the patio was on this end...
P.C.	Oh yes?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...there's a brick chimney in there and this was the patio...
P.C.	Patio.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And this was the driveway coming out here. That tree came up the

Young	driveway and this was the yard...
P.C.	So the front...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And the tombstones, right in there. That's where I found the two gravesites in there...
P.C.	So the gravesites were not too far out from your...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	From the house!
P.C.	From the house.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	We'd step over the porch and walk a little distance and...
P.C.	Right there.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Right there, uh huh. And we had a flower garden there. Mhm.
P.C.	Oh, it was wonderful, you were living in a cemetery!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	In a cemetery! Amen.
P.C.	You were taking care of everybody!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right. And we didn't mind either. Just enjoyed it...
P.C.	I bet you did enjoy it.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Hm huh. Raised all the children back here.
P.C.	And they loved it?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh! They loved it! Amen.
Moving Away from Fort Ward	
P.C.	Now, what was it like when you had to move out?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	When I moved out, they built the homes down, you know down on...
P.C.	On Woods Place.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...Woods Place, uh huh. And we didn't mind because it was...you know it had, uh, good facilities and everything...
P.C.	It was a nice house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...nice house...
P.C.	Well, you never moved out!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And we never moved out!
P.C.	You're still there [laughs].
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Still there, that's right. And my wife she was glad to get out from up here too 'cause she wasn't driving that much then...

P.C.	So getting down a little closer into town?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	A little closer. Amen. In town, and it was clean. Nice and clean...
P.C.	Was the Bradley Shopping Center put in at about that time?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They started right after we moved.
P.C.	So you got a grocery store...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Got a grocery store right there close...they've a laundry! Right on the corner where the station...filling (?) station is?
P.C.	Yeah!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	There was Laundromat there...
P.C.	Oh, that was handy.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That was handy, uh huh.
P.C.	Yeah. So Woods Place then had people who lived up here as well as lived where T.C. Williams was built?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right, that's right. I think, well you know, you know the history, and they had ah...families...and the seminary was in charge of everything...that's how I come met Clare, because Clare was over here. See they moved them out, and I don't know what they built on the front (?) this old house back here, where they remodeled you know when I lived there...
P.C.	Yes.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	But this was the, was the school and the church for the blacks then...
P.C.	Yes.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And that's when they had to move out from the whites. Amen. Because they were servants, you know?
P.C.	They wanted their own place...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right. Amen.
Oakland Baptist Church	
P.C.	Definitely. [Young laughs] Yes. And did Miss Clara work over at the seminary?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well, she was so old I have a feeling her husband was kinda much a...a high honcho, I feel that way you know...
P.C.	He probably was...they were very respected people.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They was respected, they was the key...
P.C.	And she started...was one of the founders of the church? Oakland

	Baptist Church?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Not Oakland.
P.C.	Oh not Oakland.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No this was, uh, this was a Episcopal seminary. Episcopal...
P.C.	In your building?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right. And now the Episcopal church is on Alfred street.
P.C.	Yes! I know that. Yes, that's a wonderful church.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I think...I think that one come out of this, this here...
P.C.	Oh I didn't know that!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Uh huh.
P.C.	Ok.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Because there used to be not many black Episcopalians, you know, they... (?)
P.C.	Very few...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...so I have a feeling they come out of there. I'm not for sure.
P.C.	I had not put that together.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Now talk to Greene! Have you talked to Greene?
P.C.	No!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Talk to him, see where he come from. 'Cause he went to church started from...the one there on, uh, Alfred street I think...
P.C.	Talk to what...Nelson Green?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, Nelson Green, the undertaker.
P.C.	Yeah, yeah...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Have you talked to him?
P.C.	Yeah, but not about that.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Speak to him about this...
P.C.	I will!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...see where they came out of...
P.C.	He would know that...is that where he goes to church?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	He would know...because they people that died from up here most of 'em is buried down there...the McKnights.

P.C.	The McKnights?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They was Episcopalian.
P.C.	They're buried where?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They, they...well they're buried around but they had the, uh, tomb at the Episcopalian church...
P.C.	Mhm, mhm, mhm...so you know lots of history.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh, I don't know much!
P.C.	You do! It's just all your memories you see?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yes, ma'am I remember you know there being here Episcopalians...
P.C.	Yeah, but you're putting it together for us. I mean we just have to read old documents and it's not the same of knowing the people...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Indeed, certainly true. Yeah, I can understand...
More on Neighborhood and Neighbors	
P.C.	So you knew the McKnights pretty well?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh I knew the McKnights. They were buddies and what not back then...
P.C.	And did you all get together? I mean out here, I mean were there holidays or parties...?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh yeah...
P.C.	...Or cookouts?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	We'd come together 'cause we'd let 'em use our dining room, you know we had little more facilities than they did...
P.C.	You had bigger, a bigger...house.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	...and then we had running water, you know, had to pump in the well, you know, and they didn't have draw water. You know?
P.C.	Yeah, so people came to your house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They'd come...get the drinking water because they had to draw water from the ground. You know?
P.C.	How was that water?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well, they water wasn't clean as mine, cause I had a case well. My well was cased.
P.C.	So it was good? Tasted good?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Good clean water, and cold water.
P.C.	Ooh, I love that.
Srgt. Lee Thomas	It was, uh huh.

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P.C.	That's a good memory.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Mhm.
S.S.	So all the people from the area came to your house to get the water?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Not all just... [END OF SIDE ONE].
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[SIDE 2] [tape begins]...and I was a big shot...[laughter]
P.C.	Well, you were an army guy...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I am a...a military...
P.C.	Right? Right? Now, what did the McKnights do?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well they worked for the old, uh...I'm trying to think of the name – in the father (?) of Bay Village in Charles. He worked at the seminary, all the McKnights worked at the seminary, except for younger bunch, I expect they (?) worked with Lindsey Cadillac and different places...
P.C.	They're all still kind of right around here...
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Right around...
P.C.	So Lindsey Cadillac goes way back as a business too?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right. Amen. And they...worked, just about all the blacks down here 'cause didn't have cars and...I know that they could walk to work, 'cause, well my grandson came up from North Carolina to live with me. And he worked with Lindsey, and he could walk to work.
P.C.	Walk to work. Now you had a car, 'cause you were out at Belvoir.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh, I had a car. Yeah, Amen. I had an old Dodge.
P.C.	An old Dodge?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Old Dodge. Amen.
P.C.	What year?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	My, oh man, that was about a 1940...four zero...well it was after World War II, right after World War II.
P.C.	So '47, '48?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Somewhere along in there. Uh huh.
P.C.	It kept going for a long time didn't it?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	It kept running. I run it as long as it could run too. [laughter]
P.C.	Well, let's see if we can walk around to the front and see...see your

	lane, ok? [tape stops]
More on the Gravestones in Sgt. Young's Land.	
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Tape begins again] ...back of our house should come about here. The back, all this was trees, all this was woods, and then the graves, the grave you'd stumble over was all in here. So we would cut through to go to the cemetery. And everybody with beer (?) cut through the yard frankly. [laughs] ...grewed up over there...uh huh
P.C.	Judy, do have any memory, I mean you were just a kid, but you know, could you kind of estimate how many graves there might have been out there?
Judy	Well I can tell you how many I probably fell in.
P.C.	Ok! [laughter]
Judy	I know for a fact, there's probably ten.
P.C.	Ten graves?
Judy	About ten.
P.C.	And they had little...did they have little stones or were they just depressions?
Judy	They had the little stones, a couple...you know some had stones in them and some just...
P.C.	Were shallow...they had depressions.
Judy	Mhm. And the only reason why I know they were graves is Daddy said they were. Daddy would tell me they were graves.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well some of them had a little writing on them, you know?
Judy	Yeah, I know.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	They did not have a gravesite, they was just laying on the woods, you know?
Judy?	Just looked like...like somebody had just buried them and it was sinking...
P.C.	Yes.
Judy	But there was some stones on some of them.
P.C.	On some of them?
Judy	Mhm
P.C.	Mhm. Your Dad said there were two in the front yard. Right out from the front porch.
Judy	I didn't know about those...I didn't know about those.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	That was right in the center where the circle around there. Judy don't you remember that tombstone right there?
Judy	Oh I didn't know that was a grave. Oh, that was a grave!
P.C.	[Overlapping conversation throughout]...right here in this nursery, he said, because the front porch of the house was right like that, and then right where those little trees are...and the root balls (?)...just beyond that, there were two gravestones.

Judy	[Overlapping conversation throughout] Oh my goodness. Well anyway, the out (?) house been about right in here. That's where the graves are, right up back in here.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	You say the back of the house was here?
Judy	This was...out (?) house was about back here. This...you could tell 'bout here, how long this house was, on the picture.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well the house was...this was the length...this was... [Judy begins speaking]...the rest of the house
Judy	I know but I'm saying you can see how...but you can see on the picture how...how long this house was. See?
P.C.	Yeah, you said 50 feet. But the 50 feet went that way, he's saying.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right...the house...the long part...this way, 'cause this...this is the well back here.
Judy	But wait...but what I'm – yeah – but that's what I'm saying, the house was sitting like this.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right.
Judy	That's what I mean...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	But we back in here, now, see...we back there...
Judy	This is where we are now, back here.
P.C.	Yeah because the tombstones, when you walked out to see Mr. Adams' gravestone...it was closer to the well and the kitchen...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right close to the kitchen part, right back of the kitchen part. Back in there, eh. Back in there, uh huh.
P.C.	Yeah.
Judy	Because the shed is right here.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	And see the chimney and the patio here, Amen...
Judy	Mhm. That's our big old tire (?)
Family and Community Life at Fort Ward Neighborhood	
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	You know what this is? That's my grapevine. [laughter] Amen.
Judy	You know I was talking about the grapevines?
P.C.	That's right...
Judy	That's exactly right, that's all grapevines...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah...and then we had a little garden up here...you 'member? Where...they was...boy and I, I was...yeah. And the other cabins was back here between Maydel and...
Judy	[Overlapping with Srgt. Young] Can I? Yes... [Following] I'm gonna tell you, I'm gonna tell y'all something really cute...

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh, come on....
Judy	I got [unclear] cute...right here where this shed is, there used to be bees up in there...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Oh my goodness!
Judy	...so my brother played a trick on me. He said go stick your head up there [Srgt. Young groans] and see there's something up there. I actually did, went and stuck my head up there and those bees came all around...
P.C.	Oh no!
Judy	My mother, when I got home, I had bumps all over...
P.C.	Did you ever trust your brother again?
Judy	Never! [laughter] Never! Never!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I was in France...
Judy	And that's...yes Dad, that was so interesting...but it's good to see the house drawing (?)...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It is! They give me this.
Judy	We gonna keep this one.
S.S.	But the kitchen was back there? I mean is that part of the roof...of the kit-?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	No here's the kitchen right in here...
S.S.	Oh, the kitchen's in front.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah that was the pulpit...the men's side of the pulpit of the church...
S.S.	Oh I see. [Srgt. Young laughs]
Judy	We went in this door right here to go into the kitchen...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That door there....
Unknown female speaker	It was two doors
Judy	...and then there was a door back here, to get out...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	There's a door.
Judy	...door right in there
Unknown female speaker	You see, did [unclear name] Wolf (?) been here somewhere?
Judy	No, I got...I have a picture of him, if I can find it...that's our great [unclear]
P.C.	Oh really?

Judy	Yeah...
P.C.	What kind, a mutt?
Judy	Yes...yeah that is so... [Unclear] let me see any more. We can keep these! I'm so glad...
P.C.	Yes!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	I'll keep them 'cause you lost the others...[laughter]
Judy	I have a picture...
P.C.	...we can make, we can make extras for everyone... [Unintelligible overlapping dialogue about photos].
Unknown female speaker	...was the schoolhouse and the church then. Because it was a schoolhouse and a church first, right?
Judy	Daddy...now that part Daddy would know, I wouldn't know-[overlapping dialogue]
S.S.	Here's where the...your house would be up there. Here's the fort, right? So is that the house there? Right there is that the chimney?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Is this my house in here?
S.S.	I would think it would be... [Overlapping dialogue]...was there a chimney sticking out on the side of the house sticking out?
Judy	Yes.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Chimney, that's right...
S.S.	There was?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	...and the fireplace, I mean the fireplace...
F.B.	Outdoor fireplace.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Outdoor fireplace.
P.C.	And a patio.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	And a patio.
P.C.	So you must have had some cookouts?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	We did, we did...every Saturday [laughs].
P.C.	Yeah?
Judy	... [Unintelligible]... had a nice big...fireplace...thingy in there...he would fix some mean hamburgers...
P.C.	Oooh...
Judy (?)	Used to invite the church have functions in the house...[overlapping dialogue]
P.C.	It sounds like a fun house.

Judy	It was. Yeah it was really nice. Had your own big back yard...
P.C.	And how old were you when you moved?
Judy	Well I know we were in the first grade...second grade...when we moved.
P.C.	But you have wonderful memories for being so young... [Background dialogue] what did you think of the new house? [background dialogue and laughter] Not as much fun?
Judy	No. Not as much woods.
P.C.	Your Dad said your Mom was relieved though.
Judy	Yeah she didn't like being up here because it was really isolated.
P.C.	Mhm...and...newer kitchen...and... [background dialogue]
Judy	Yes. [background dialogue] We'd had to use a bucket to flush the toilet with.
P.C.	[Laughter]. Yeah, moms think of these things!
Judy	'Member that, Dad? How we had to use a bucket to flush the toilet? [Laughter].
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah, when it...when there was...wasn't working.
Judy	Yeah, mmm...
P.C.	Yep, backed up. [background dialogue] I still have septic.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen! [laughter] You're on septic, Amen?
P.C.	I'm on septic!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen! What a blessing...
P.C.	Yeah, yeah. [background dialogue]
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Tape stops and begins again] ...'cause then, you know, petition...but at the main auditorium...that was petition all...
Unknown male speaker	Ok.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah-huh. 'Cause the Dona/Adonis (?) [Name unclear] house didn't had a little basement, he had a basement there. And that was under one of the rooms...he had an old, old furnace in there and he built the bathroom...they had outdoor toilets... every [unclear] up here with outdoor toilets
Unknown male speaker	Yeah, oh, oh.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Big shots are down there in the houses...with the bathrooms and bathtubs...but we had to pump water from the well there...had an electric pump in there...
S.S.	But...but you had a basement in part of the house?
Srgt. Lee Thomas	Just a small...small basement for the furnace.

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S.S.	And was it brick...on the walls?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	In the basement was dug and he had it bricked in, just a small whole there...and uh, well that wasn't no basement to live in. That's why I put my junk in them houses out there, Amen. But if I'd had a basement then I could put my...goodies down there in the basement.
S.S.	But it was too small?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was too small for my stuff.
P.C.	[Laughter] That's why you had all those cabins!
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Amen! [claps] Amen, Amen...[tape stops]
Judy	[Tape begins again] and, um, uh, and then back to where that school was back there, um, that they never did anything with that thing, was supposed to become a recreation center, where the old road, where they call...
P.C.	Rosenwald School...yes.
Judy	...Rosenwald, yeah that was supposed to be rebuilt, that lay dormant for I don't know how many years.
P.C.	So your family owned all this King Street property.
Judy	Yes.
P.C.	Yes [unintelligible conversation, tape stops]
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Tape begins] ...and uh, and uh...McKnights...right back at the end of my house...right where we were...
Judy	Daddy right here, this is the path right here, right?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	This was the driveway right through here...
Judy	...the two trees...the two trees. [noise in background] So the McKnights was over there somewhere.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Miss McKnight was right in here I think.
Judy	And the Belkes was somewhere right in there.
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	And the Maydell house and then my house was back...
Judy	'Cause we used the same driveway, right, to get in?
Sgt. Lee Thomas Young	Driveway, yeah. I had a special driveway through here. Right side of Miss McKnight's property. Right, right here...right in here.
Judy	I remember these trees.
Unknown female speaker	These trees are old.
P.C.	Yeah, so they would have been smaller?

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	They was small, uh huh.
P.C.	They're nice Cedars now.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Yeah they are. Uh huh.
More on Neighborhood and Neighbors	
P.C.	Now, you see how this drops off? You see how the slope drops off over there at the west?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's right. That's why I remember my driveway right side the slope and then my garden and his garden, we was all down in that bottom there.
P.C.	Ah that's nice. And then whose house was over here?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That was...uh...
Unknown female speaker	The Randalls
P.C.	The Randalls' house. So it was McKnights and Randalls right on Braddock Road...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I'm not sure 'bout who was there.
Judy	The Randalls.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	There was couple of people there...one lady moved out from Pennsylvania had some chickens... what was her name?
Judy?	That's the one I was trying to tell you about, Daddy!
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Why, that was a white lady!
Judy	But that was...no, she moved. The Randalls came in after she did...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Was that right?
Judy	...she lived there before.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I thought that was the ones that stayed...
Judy	I thought they was- [unclear name].
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Matthias, Matthias, wasn't he?
Judy	I don't know [unclear].
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	Well keep quiet if you don't know [laughs].
Judy	It was a white family... [Unclear]. [Young laughs]
Unknown female speaker	Well now do you guys remember the white house that was where that little parking lot is right now? When I started working here, back in the late 70's there was a house there.

Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That little house right over here?
Unknown female speaker	Yeah, do you remember that?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	That's what I'm thinking about right now...
Unknown female speaker	And, actually...a former park guard for the property here lived in that house for a while. I just never really knew who lived there.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	It was probably the last house that was up here, too, up on this way...
Judy	...because we were gone then.
F.B. (?)	Harris house was there, correct?
P.C.	Which became the McKnight's house?
Judy	Well, Aunt Clare...lived...the McKnights lived with her.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	There's the McKnights here [background noise and indistinct dialogue]
P.C.	'Cause...Mr. Young keeps referring to this as the McKnights...
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	The McKnights, but it was Aunt Clare. She lived with, uh, Mr. McKnight.
Judy	Yeah, that's what we were saying, Daddy.
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	[Unclear] ...but it was hers before it was Mr. McKnight's. She willed it to McKnight. It was her house.
S.S.	Are they related to each other? The two families?
Srgt. Lee Thomas Young	I think you come in the, uh, Carver (?) side, uh huh...cause the McKnights...uh, she wasn't a McKnight you know before she moved here...uh huh...and uh, Casey, Casey was back of her, which was...line was at the Maydell's house, and then our house, there, had the school and the church .
Unknown female speaker	[Faint dialogue and background noise] ...See, see I'm sayin' that's what we always called her, lived in this house and she...I remember her being upstairs. At the time the McKnights were still...was also in the house, but I don't, I can't link them. So I don't know if they were relatives or what, but Aunt Clare was always upstairs 'cause she was old. And the McKnights was also in the house, 'cause my mother used to come over and do her hair.
F.B. (?)	...I'm not sure of this, but I don't know if I'm remembering this correctly. I thought that she may have been married before she married Burr Shorts and she was married to a McKnight before that time, but I'm totally unsure of that...
Judy	Oh, ok, I don't know

F.B.	...but that's something that...
P.C.	Well maybe that was her son.
F.B.	...when Pat was doing, um, her research I think that both she and...and Burr Shorts, Harriet McKnight and Burr Shorts were previously married and both widowed, and then I think that, um, Harriet married, you know, Burr at that time. And so when she married him I think her name was Harriet McKnight, but I'm not sure...
P.C.	Oh so Clare's mother?
F.B.	Clare's mother, yeah...did I say...Clare?
S.S.	Yeah you said Clara, but it's Clara's <i>mother</i> ...
P.C.	Clare's mother was married to a McKnight, before she was married to Mr. Shorts
S.S.	I got it. That makes sense
F.B.	I see. I think that's a possibility [overlapping dialogue]
Unknown female speaker	[unclear] why she was living with them. 'Cause the McKnights were in that house with her
P.C.	Maybe that would have been her, you know, uh, her half brother or something like that.
Unknown female speaker	Mhm.
F.B.	Right, right.
P.C.	Now the ruins for the house that's still here, right, in this semicircular driveway....
S.S.	That gravel drive...
P.C.	Is back over there. That's gonna be the Randall house.
F.B.	Correct, correct. Now I think that when Pat did her research she thought that was um....
P.C.	The Adam's house?
F.B.	Right, Clara Adam's house...
S.S.	But that was wrong?
F.B.	But it sounds like...
P.C.	But we still can't figure out from those pictures which one is which
F.B.	Not yet...we'll probably get it narrowed down ... [overlapping dialogue]. [END OF RECORDING.]